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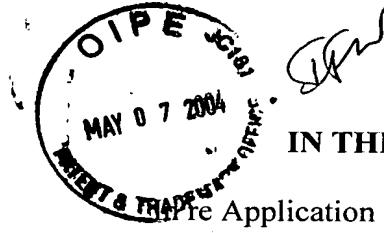
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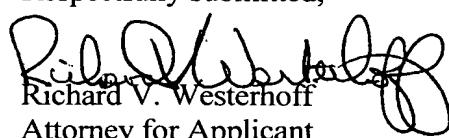
Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on April 22, 2004, in which the elected claims, 1-11, were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite or failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. More particularly, it was stated in the Office Action that the gas storage system and the hydrogen-to-electricity converter must be connected for the apparatus to meet the functional limitations defined in the claims.

In a telephone interview between Examiner Cantelmo and the undersigned, on May 4, 2004, this rejection was discussed and it was agreed that the use of the term "connectable" in Claim 1 did not render it indefinite, and therefore, the rejection of Claims 1-11 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph was withdrawn.

As Claims 1-11 were found to be allowable in the Office Action, except for the rejection under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, which is now withdrawn, the Claims 1-11 are allowable as originally presented.

Respectfully submitted,


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